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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency Web site. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the Department of Health home page (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In December 2009 the Medical Commission denied the application of physician Mary E. Groves (MD60051228). Her licenses to practice as a physician in New Mexico and Arizona were suspended.

Chelan County

In December 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program placed the license of Sylvia E. Woods (HC00142809) on probation for three years. She was convicted of perjury. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Clark County

In December 2009 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse Nancy E. Grayson (RN00141252) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In November 2009 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program denied the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Jennifer Ann Green** (CO60113576). She was convicted of obtaining or attempting to obtain controlled substance by fraud on more than one Disciplinary actions January 6, 2010 Page 2

occasion, criminal mistreatment, and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. Her license to practice as a registered nurse in Washington was suspended.

In December 2009 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Rob D. Ledoux** (MA00024614) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault — domestic violence, harassment — domestic violence, and interfering with reporting of domestic violence.

Clallam County

In December 2009 the Medical Commission placed the license of physician assistant **Robert S. Dalm** (PA10004370) on probation. He failed to provide regular health care maintenance for a patient, kept inadequate documentation of symptoms and treatments, wrote pejorative statements in the patient notes, and failed to inquire about the cause of the patient's weight loss. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Clark County

In December 2009 the Dental Commission reinstated the general anesthesia permit and license of dentist **Thomas M. Kreger** (DE00005279, GA10000108).

Grays Harbor

In December 2009 the Chiropractic Commission released chiropractor **Bradley A. Hensley** (CH00002186) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Scott L. Stead** (NA60116364) and placed his registration on probation for three years. He was convicted of unlawful possession of a legend drug, and driving under the influence. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his registration.

Island County

In December 2009 the Massage Practitioner Program charged **Nancy Schmitz** (MA00016656) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly practiced without an active credential, and billed for services provided while her license was expired.

King County

In December 2009 the Medical Commission released physician **Mary L. Ballard** (MD00025316) from terms and conditions set against her license. Dr. Ballard's license is unrestricted.

In December 2009 the Chiropractic Commission placed the license of chiropractor **William D. Borg** (CH00002484) on probation for two years. He placed a patient at unreasonable risk of harm by failing to immediately initiate transportation of the patient to the hospital when the patient was

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exhibiting symptoms of a possible cerebrovascular event. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2009 the Dental Commission released dentist **Mark A. Caggiano** (DE00006697) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2009 the Chiropractic Commission placed the license of chiropractor **Mark T. Dang** (CH00033803) on probation for three years. He billed for detailed examinations of patients without documenting the assessment, or appraisal of the patients' condition, or the plan for their care. He also billed for chiropractic services performed that weren't recorded in his notes. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In December 2009 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Sara M. Gagliardo** (VA00067549) with unprofessional conduct. She was arrested for unlawful possession of heroin. She allegedly admitted to becoming addicted to alcohol, and illegally obtaining narcotics.

In December 2009 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreed order with chiropractor **Melina A. Maxwell** (CH00002064) and will monitor her license for three years. She failed to keep adequate records, billed for services not documented in patient notes, noted no clinical necessity or rationale for number or frequency of treatment provided, and encouraged associates in her office to follow a script for treatment without modification. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2009 the Health Care Assistant Program placed the license of **Joyce R. Rankin** (HC00154631) on probation for two years. She failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her license. She must comply with new terms and conditions set against her license.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Ethan A. Rourke** (NA00180109) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly attempted to control or restrain a patient by dragging her by her feet into a room.

In December 2009 the Registered Counselor Program denied the application of **Frank James Squires, Jr.** (RC60090286). He was convicted of unlawful possession of a short-barreled shotgun, criminal trespass, burglary, theft of anhydrous ammonia, bail jumping, manufacture of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, possession of ephedrine or pseudoephedrine with intent to manufacture methamphetamine, two counts of possession of stolen property, identity theft, and possession of methamphetamine on more than one occasion.

Okanogan County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Julia M. Johns** (NC10096617) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of assault.

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Heather L. McClain** (NC10033849) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of theft.

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Pierce County

In December 2009 the Chiropractic Commission entered into an agreed order with chiropractor **Thomas J. Young** (CH00002085). He entered into an agreed order against his naturopathic physician license. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his chiropractic license.

Snohomish County

In November 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Danyell Rita McSparran** (NA60049256). She was convicted of theft, and failed to disclose the conviction on her application.

Spokane County

In December 2009 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Heather S. Brannan** (NC10095575) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Out of State

Michigan: In December 2009 the Medical Commission entered into an agreed order on the limited license of physician **Christopher P. Kelly** (ML20008044). He entered into a relationship with a patient that crossed appropriate physician-patient boundaries. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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